the cadre of Laboratory Assistants, introduction of a large number of subjects like Drawing, Music etc. at plus 2 stage and provision of class IV employees for school library have not been found acceptable. The Joint Consultative Machinery has been constituted in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan which will provide the appropriate forum for bilateral talks.

Agha Khan as State Guest in India

974. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agha Khan, the religious head of the Ismaili community was treated as state guest when he visited New Delhi earlier this year and the capitals of Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the names of other religious heads who have been treated as state guest when they visited Delhi or capitals of various States;

(c) whether the Agha Khan made any donation to any person or organisation; if so, what are the details thereof:

(d) what is the nationality of the Agha Khan; and

(e) what are the norms and guidelines for inviting religious heads to the country and to be treated as state guests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the recent past, His Holiness Pope John Paul-II was treated as guest of the Government of India during his visit to India from February 1 to 10, 1986.

(c) It is not known to the Ministry of External Affairs whether any donation was made.

(d) His Highness the Aga Khan is British by birth and holds a French passport.

(e) No norms or guidelines have been laid down in this regard and there is no need to lay down such norms.

Crash Programme of Education for the benefit of SCs/STs

975. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate a crash programme of education and other developmental inputs for the benefit of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in hamlets which do *not* have primary schools, but have 200 or more Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes members;

(b) whether about 10,000 habitations have been identified under the programme in 10 States;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and whether Madhya Pradesh is one of them; and

(d) by what time the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (d) Under the Action Plan in Key Areas for the Development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the Government propose a package of services in 10,000 habitations having 200 or more Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe population (or combination of both) in States having a sizeable SC/ST population, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.